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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment dated June 28, 2001, and prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 as follows:

3. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a chymase inhibitor in an amount effective for suppressing lipid deposition in the blood vessel and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

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